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PREVIEW BY SAMMY McILROY



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Craig's Mr Consistent!

CRAIG Johnston, Middlesbrough's live-wire midfield player has leapt to the top of our Matchman of the Year charts.

Each week in Match Weekly we plot the performance of EVERY player in the Football League and Scottish Premier — now we have reached the half way stage in the season and Johnston leads the First Division field.

Close behind in Johnston's midfield section comes the elegant Frans Thijssen of Ipswich and the eloquent Graeme Souness of Liverpool, while Anfield team-mate Kenny Dalglish has underlined his consistency with an amazing 7.54 average mark to top the strikers list.

Tony Morley, who has scored some great goals in Aston Villa's surge is close behind.

Though he has suffered from injury Paul Cooper of Ipswich heads the 'keeper charts ahead of Everton's Jim McDonagh and it's an Ipswich

1-2-3 in defence where Russell Osman, Terry Butcher and skipper Mick Mills fly high at the top.

Division One

Goalkeepers

P Cooper (Ipswich).....	7.42
J McDonagh (Everton).....	7.22
P Shilton (Forest).....	7.14
M Wallington (Leic'r).....	6.90
B Daines (Spurs).....	6.83
P Barron (C Palace).....	6.82
J Wealds (Birmingham).....	6.77
C Turner (Sunderland).....	6.76
R Clemence (Liverpool).....	6.75
G Bailey (Man U).....	6.70
J Platt (M'boro).....	6.68
J Lukic (Leeds).....	6.66

Defenders

R Osman (Ipswich).....	7.41
T Butcher (Ipswich).....	7.31
M Mills (Ipswich).....	7.17
K Sansom (Arsenal).....	7.13
A Evans (A Villa).....	7.09
J Gidman (Everton).....	7.04
G Burley (Ipswich).....	7.04
S Elliott (Sunderland).....	7.00
M Lyons (Everton).....	7.00
C Todd (Birmingham).....	6.95
F Gray (Forest).....	6.95
P Thompson (Liverpool).....	6.95

Left: Craig Johnston...
Middlesbrough's star man in
midfield.

Match Facts
guide to the
season's top
players so far

HALF-TERM

HOW THEY SCORE

MATCH Facts 'half-term report' is based on a player's performance in every game, published since the start of the season. Players in Division One and Two must have competed in a minimum of 15 games between August 9 and November 22 to qualify. In Division Three and Four it's August 9–November 29 and in the Scottish Premier they must have played in 10 games between August 9 and November 29.

Scottish Premier

A McLeish (Aberdeen).....	7.20
A MacDonald (Hearts).....	7.20
J Bett (Rangers).....	7.20
A Rough (Partick Thistle).....	7.13
D Cooper (Rangers).....	7.08
P McCloy (Rangers).....	7.06
T Burns (Celtic).....	7.06
G Strachan (Aberdeen).....	7.05
D McGrain (Celtic).....	7.00
B Thomson (St Mirren).....	7.00
P Weir (St Mirren).....	7.00
P Hegarty (Dundee Utd).....	6.94
D Narey (Dundee Utd).....	6.94

Left: Alex MacDonald...
making a big impression with
Hearts following his move from
Rangers.

Division Four

R Harford (Lincoln).....	7.50
S Phillips (Northampton).....	7.50
B Kerr (Hartlepool).....	7.38
I Snodin (Doncaster).....	7.26
T Quow (Peterborough).....	7.18
E Blackburn (York).....	7.14
N Hamilton (Mansfield).....	7.10
A Little (Doncaster).....	7.08
B Wellings (Rochdale).....	7.08
S Galliers (Wimbledon).....	7.04
D Spence (Southend).....	7.04
G Hobson (Lincoln).....	7.00
G Snodin (Doncaster).....	7.00
A Whitehead (Bury).....	7.00

Right: Bobby Kerr...
Hartlepool's Matchman of the
Month for October.





Midfield	
C Johnston (M'boro)	7.58
F Thijssen (Ipswich)	7.50
G Souness (Liverpool)	7.45
A Hartford (Everton)	7.38
O Ardiles (Spurs)	7.36
G Hoddle (Spurs)	7.27
S Williams (South'ton)	7.26
G Francis (C Palace)	7.23
B Jankovic (M'boro)	7.20
S McLroy (Man U)	7.13
S Lee (Liverpool)	7.10
J Wark (Ipswich)	7.08

Forwards

K Dalglish (Liverpool)	7.54
T Morley (A Villa)	7.09
F Worthington (Birmingham)	7.00
S Archibald (Spurs)	7.00
G Crooks (Spurs)	7.00
P Mariner (Ipswich)	6.95
E Gates (Ipswich)	6.95
C Regis (West Brom)	6.95
J McBride (Everton)	6.90
A Brazil (Ipswich)	6.88
P Eastoe (Everton)	6.86
A Brown (West Brom)	6.81

Left: Kenny Dalglish . . .
Liverpool's brilliantly
consistent goalscorer.

Right: Tony Morley . . .
celebrates yet another goal
(left) for Aston Villa, with
team-mate Des Bremner.



REPORT

THOSE two talented midfield masters of West Ham, Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire, dominate the Second Division averages.

Their class has shone through again this season, while Sheffield Wednesday's Terry Curran and Orient's John Chiedozie have shown tremendous consistency with their entertaining form on the wing.

Chesterfield's Alan Birch has caught the eye in the Third Division, just ahead of Rotherham's Tony Towner. But it's impossible to split Lincoln's Mick Harford and Northampton's Steve Phillips in the Fourth.

It's a tough battle in Scotland, too, where three players head the challenge . . . Alex MacLeish of Aberdeen, Jim Bett of Rangers and Alex MacDonald of Hearts.

Right: West Ham's terrific two
Trevor Brooking and Alan
Devonshire.

Division Two

T Brooking (W Ham)	7.66
A Devonshire (W Ham)	7.60
T Curran (Sheff Wed)	7.52
J Chiedozie (Orient)	7.42
G Keeley (Blackburn)	7.41
H Kendall (Blackburn)	7.38
N Brotherston (Blackburn)	7.33
D Masson (Notts Co)	7.25
T Hibbitt (Newcastle)	7.23
M Poskett (Watford)	7.00
J Lewis (Cardiff)	7.18
R Fitcher (Oldham)	7.15

Hammers challenge



Division Three

A Birch (Chesterfield)	7.48
T Towner (Rotherham)	7.46
R Glavin (Barnsley)	7.37
C Morris (Blackpool)	7.30
D Wilson (Chesterfield)	7.25
T Aylott (Barnsley)	7.23
P Walsh (Charlton)	7.22
S Lowndes (Newport)	7.16
B Hutton (Sheff Utd)	7.08
R Lewis (Swindon)	7.08
D Tydemann (Charlton)	7.07
I Mellor (Portsmouth)	7.06

Right: Alan Birch . . .
Chesterfield's goalgrabber.



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And we'll be looking to provide an even better magazine in the year ahead.

It's been another great year for football and especially for the teams that won the major honours . . . and of course their loyal fans.

Liverpool collected the League title for the second year in succession . . . Nottingham Forest won the European Cup for the second year running . . . West Ham won the FA Cup . . . Wolves won the League Cup . . . Aberdeen won the Scottish Championship . . . Celtic won the Scottish FA Cup and Dundee United took the Scottish League Cup.

We promise to keep you on the ball when the major honours are decided again next year . . . so keep buying your copy of Match Weekly and keep up to date with what promises to be another great year.

A Happy New Year to all our readers from everyone at Match and don't forget our January 3 issue is on sale next week as usual.

The Editor

And a Happy New Year

The start of a new year is traditionally the time for people to make promises to themselves in the form of New Year resolutions.

Here's a few suggested resolutions for some of the famous names of our game . . . and remember it's all in fun, gentlemen!

Crystal Palace manager MALCOLM ALLISON: To see a film on the life and times of escapologist Harry Houdini.

Manchester United boss DAVE SEXTON: To smile about something.

Norwich chief KEN BROWN: To admit to feeling the pressures of management to prove that he is human.

Match of the Day's JIMMY HILL: To let some of the other first division managers spread the gospel other than Lawrie McMenemy and John Bond.

Everton manager GORDON LEE: To give Malcolm Allison a few tips on job survival.

Ipswich midfielder JOHN WARK: Buy an alarm clock so that he can continue those perfectly timed runs into the penalty box.

England captain KEVIN KEEGAN: To make many more appearances in a Southampton shirt.

Bristol Rovers manager TERRY COOPER: To find something to smile about at Eastville.

Leeds United's ALEX SABELLA: To say: 'Ee by gum, lad' without the hint of a South American accent.

Fulham boss MALCOLM MACDONALD: To turn up on the wrong day and manage the other Fulham side.

Watford chairman ELTON JOHN: To see his beloved Watford climb out of the relegation area to avoid a hair-raising experience.

Cup saga

NON-LEAGUE sides Bridlington Trinity and Netherfield don't usually make national headlines.

But they forced their way into the limelight recently by producing the longest running cup tie in Football Association history.

Their FA Trophy second qualifying round match needed no fewer than six replays before Northern Premier League side Netherfield got a 2-0 verdict over their Midland League rivals.

It lasted a grand total of 13 hours, beating the previous record by two hours which was set up by Alvechurch and Oxford City in an FA Cup Fourth qualifying round clash nine years ago. Alvechurch won the tie 1-0 after five replays.

Programme bonanza

CALLING all programme collectors. The "Giant New Year Programme Fair" takes place at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London WC1 on Sunday (January 4).

The Fair is expected to attract over 1,500 avid collectors and there will be literally thousands of programmes on display ranging from pre-First World War items right up to the current season.

There will also be an exhibition stand featuring caps, championship medals, famous players shirts and, of course, rare programmes.

The fair runs from 10.30am to 4pm and admission is 40p (by programme at the door).

Euro Cup for boys

ENTRIES are now being accepted for a unique European invitation tournament to be staged near Ipswich at Easter for teams at under 18, under 16 and under 14 level.

Called the Ipswich Cuop, the event takes place at the Euro Sports Village at Shotley on the east coast and many teams from Britain and western Europe are expected to take part over the three-day holiday from April 17-19.

The complex, on the site of the former HMS Ganges Royal Naval training centre, with its 12 pitches, three gymnasiums, swimming pool and multi purpose sports hall, is undergoing a £5 million facelift and is expected to become Europe's leading soccer coaching venue.

Already top players Trevor Brooking, John Hollins, Brian Talbot, David Johnson, Paul Cooper and Gary Bailey have agreed to take residential courses, while Ipswich Town's Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren are planning a 'weekend' for young Dutch players.

Further information about the soccer tournament and coaching courses can be obtained from the Sports Director, Euro Sports Village, Shotley, Ipswich.

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Garry Birtles (right) ... became the 39th full international on the Manchester United pay-roll in the last eight years.

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters

Cup strangers

Ipswich's UEFA Cup third round tie with Widzew Lodz of Poland set the Suffolk club a new record — it was the third successive time in the competition they had been drawn to meet a team from a country they had never visited before.

A real Euro hat-trick!
And who broke the news of the draw first? None other than Muhren and Thijsen, who tuned into Dutch radio as they broadcast the draw live from Zurich.

POPULAR Norwich City defender Phil Hoadley combines business with pleasure off the field. He breeds pedigree Old English Sheepdogs. Phil said: "I have one seven year old and two young bitches, plus a labrador. They are all part of a plan to start breeding and perhaps getting back some of the initial cost later on!"

Below: Family fun ... Micky, Simon K, Simon B and George.



'United International'

MANCHESTER United really ought to change their name to Internationals Unlimited ...

The club has had an incredible succession of internationals on their playing staff in modern times.

When Barry Birtles joined the club from Nottingham Forest he became the 39th full international to play for the 'Red Devils' in the last eight years.

The rest are: Bobby Charlton, Brian Greenhoff, Gordon Hill, Brian Kidd, Ian Moore, Stuart

Pearson, Alex Stepney, David Sadler, Steve Coppell, Ray Wilkins (England; Martin Buchan, Alex Forsyth, George Graham, Jim Holton, Stewart Houston, Denis Law, Lou Macari, Jim McCalliog, Willie Morgan, Joe Jordan, Gordon McQueen (Scotland); Ron Davies, Wyn Davies, Mickey Thomas (Wales); Trevor Anderson, George Best, Tommy Jackson, David McCreery, Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl, Chris McGrath, Tom Sloan (Northern Ireland); and Gerry Daly, Tony Dunne, Mick Martin, Paddy Roche, Ashley Grimes and Kevin Moran (Eire).

★★★★★

Family frolic

SOCCER has become a family affair at Halifax.

Seventeen-year-old Simon Kirby, son of manager George Kirby and Simon Bullock, 17-year-old nephew of the club's coach Mick Bullock have both signed as full-time professionals.

And their League chance may come quicker than they think with Halifax currently rooted around bottom of the Fourth.

George fixed up for both boys to play in Finland during the summer — for the Youth side of First Division Haka — and between them scored 16 goals.

"But they both know they can expect no favours at Halifax. They will be treated like everyone else at the club," says George.

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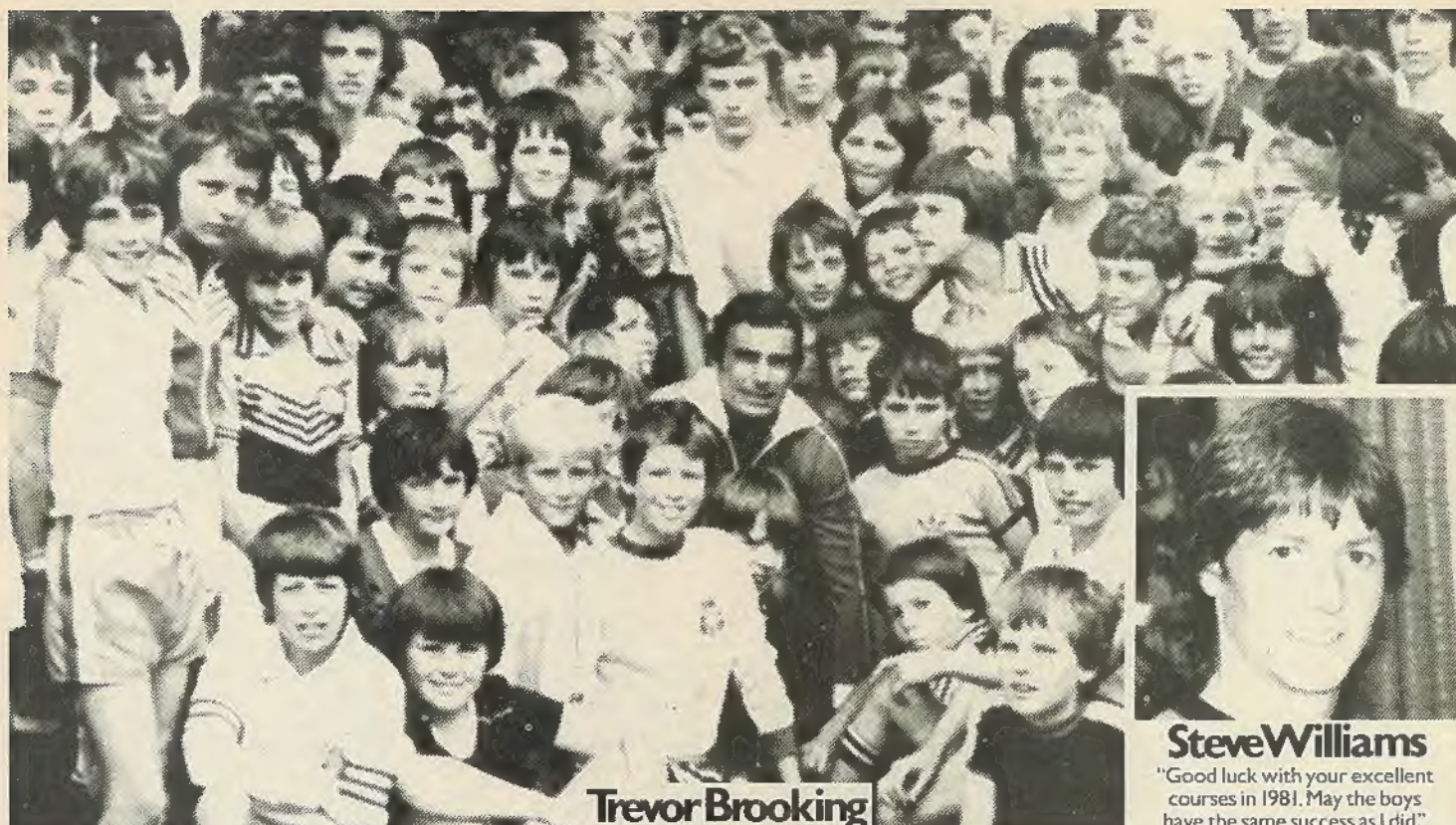
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Trevor Brooking



Steve Williams

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Thursday	Small game Attack vs. Defence	Coaching: Unusual Skills Session	Coaching by a Star Player	Question and Answer Session with Star Player	Head Tennis in Gymnasium
Friday	Game	Game	Presentation of Prizes and Certificates	Dinner	

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Why Power once said 'no' to City

PAUL POWER, brains behind the Manchester City midfield, laid down the law when the club he had adored all his life offered apprentice terms at the age of 18.

Paul turned the Maine Road club down in favour of a law course at Leeds Polytechnic — a decision he has never regretted.

Paul told Match: "It has given me a second string when my playing days are over. And when I was at the Polytechnic I was still able to play for City reserves at the weekend."

It wasn't the first time that Paul had delayed his successful professional career. He first went down to Maine Road for training as a small 13-year-old after being spotted by chief scout Harry Godwin while playing for Manchester Sunday League side West Park Albion.

"I was a lot smaller and younger than the rest of the lads at the training sessions and I found I was overlooked when they picked sides for a game."

"I got disillusioned with that and packed it all in. Burnley came in for me soon after and offered a two-week trial, but I was a bit shy and didn't want to leave home."

Paul, who was born close to the City training ground, eventually put pen to paper for them when he left Leeds Polytechnic in July 1975.

Within a month he was lining up for his debut against Aston Villa in a midfield that boasted Colin Bell, Rodney Marsh and Asa Hartford!

"Bell, Alan Oakes and Glyn Pardoe used to be my heroes when I supported City from the terraces and it was strange to play in the same team," Paul added.

"The other players used to call Bell 'Nijinsky' or 'The Baron' but he was my hero and I would never dream of calling him that."

LEFT: Colin Bell in England action.

RIGHT: Paul Power climbs above Graeme Souness.



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BOBBY RUSSELL RANGERS

The Goalmakers

Who are the goalmakers? We have been asking the men in the know — the strikers for whom the chances are set up by these midfield maestros. Today, to complete the series, Rangers' Davie Cooper talks about team-mate Bobby Russell.

BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow

BIRTHDATE: February 11, 1957

CAREER: Rangers
PREMIER LEAGUE

DEBUT: August 13, 1977 v Aberdeen —

scored the Rangers'

goal in a 3-1 defeat

PREMIER LEAGUE

APPEARANCES: 94

INTERNATIONAL

HONOURS: One

Scotland Under 21 cap



His right is so special and his left packs a wallop, says Davie Cooper

INJURY has ruled out Bobby Russell for much of Rangers' campaign this season, but he's back in action now and set to play a key role in the Ibrox club's challenge for the Scottish Premier League title.

Team-mate Davie Cooper (pictured left on the ball) gave Match this view of Bobby's qualities:

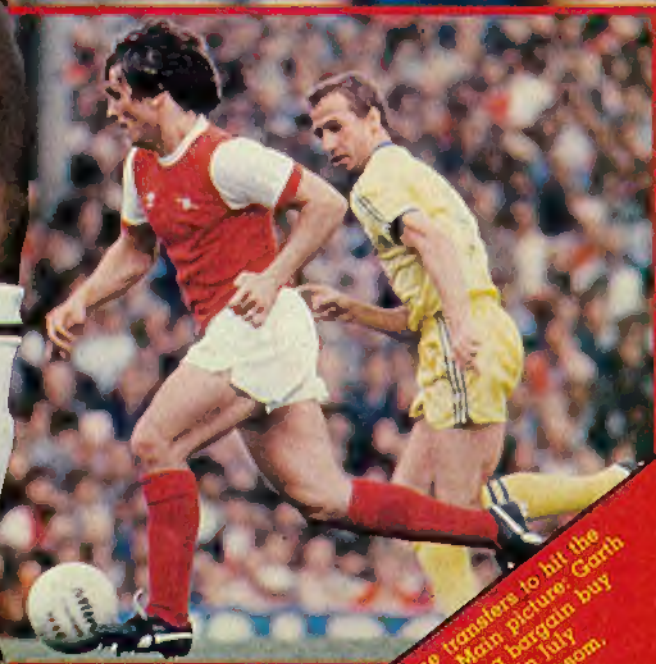
"He's a very difficult player to pin down," says Davie. "He is not afraid to take men on and that right foot of his is something special."

"It's not always recognised but he also packs a fair old wallop with his left foot."

"He has scored a number of goals with his left — when most people think he uses it just for standing on," quipped Davie.

ON THE MOVE

Three
page guide
to this season's
top transfers



Three of the big name transfers to hit the headlines this season... Main picture: Garth Crooks... proving to be a bargain buy for Spurs, from Stoke in July
Right: Arsenal's Kenny Sansom, involved in the £2 million swap deal with Clive Allen and Crystal Palace...
Left: Garry Birtles... controversial move from Forest to Manchester United... continued on next two pages >



Right: Phil Boyer... Last season's top scorer in Division One, re-joined former boss John Bond at Manchester City.

Far right: Clive Allen... just three pre-season games with Arsenal, then Palace stepped in with the Kenny Sansom swap deal.

Left: Ian Wallace... recalled from holiday in France to sign for Forest on the day Bjorn Borg won his fifth Wimbledon title.



MEN IN A

Below: Stan Bowles... considered joining Sheffield Wednesday, but didn't realise they were no longer a Third Division club so signed for Orient!



Above: Sam Allardyce... set the ball rolling with a controversial move to Sunderland after agreeing terms for a move from Bolton to Derby.

TREVOR FRANCIS started it with his £1 million transfer from Birmingham to Nottingham Forest in February, 1979. Now the million-pound move is almost commonplace.

But how long can it go on for? There are strong moves by not only the Football Association and the Football League but also the club Chairmen and Secretaries as well as the Professional Footballers Association to call a halt to the spiral.

Says PFA delegate and Match Weekly columnist Steve Coppell, the Manchester United and England star:

"I'm wholeheartedly behind a move by the PFA to bring in a scale of transfer fees based

ON THE MOVE

July	NAME	FROM		PRICE £
1	Sam Allardyce	Bolton	Sunderland	150,000
1	Steve Ludlam	Carlisle	Chester	50,000
1	Jim McInnes	Partick T	Leicester	250,000
2	Peter Henderson	Chester	Gillingham	40,000
2	Mike Trusson	Plymouth	Sheffield U	60,000
4	Andy Ford	Swindon	Gillingham	30,000
5	Ian Wallace	Coventry	N Forest	1,250,000
7	Mike Coady	Sunderland	Carlisle	20,000
8	Ray Clarke	Brighton	Newcastle	100,000
9	Stuart Metcalfe	Blackburn	Carlisle	35,000
11	Roger Jones	Stoke	Derby	20,000
14	Leon de Goeij	Sheffield U	Doncaster	
			(Holland)	not known
15	Bob Hatten	Luton	Sheffield U	75,000
15	Stan Bowles	N Forest	Orient	100,000
15	Peter Robinson	Burnley	Sparta Rott'm	35,000
19	Steve Taylor	Mansfield	Burnley	35,000
19	Danny Wilson	Bury	Chesterfield	100,000
23	Mike Robinson	Man C	Brighton	500,000
24	Ricky Sbraglia	Walsall	Blackpool	35,000
24	David Holt	Oldham	Burnley	40,000
25	Barry Silkman	Man C	Brentford	50,000
25	Gerth Crooks	Stoke	Spurs	650,000
25	Noel Parkinson	Ipswich	Mansfield	35,000
30	Jimmy Mullen	Sheff Wed	Rotherham	25,000
31	Paul Fletcher	Man C	Oldham	150,000
31	Martin Peters	Norwich	Sheff Utd	not known
31	Brendan Phillips	Boston	Mansfield	20,000
Aug				
2	Peter Hart	Huddersfield Town	Walsall	70,000
6	John Roberts	Wrexham	Hull City	20,000
7	Gary Williams	Durham	Blackpool	40,000



THE 'MILLIONAIRES'

THIS is the countdown to Britain's million-pound signings.

- 1 Trevor Francis (Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest) — February 14, 1979 — £1,150,500
- 2 Steve Daley (Wolves to Manchester City) — September 5, 1979 — £1,437,500
- 3 Andy Gray (Aston Villa to Wolves) — September 5, 1979 — £1,469,000
- 4 Clive Allen (QPR to Arsenal) — June 12, 1980 — £1,250,000
- 5 Ian Wallace (Coventry to Nottingham Forest) — July 5, 1980 — £1,250,000
- 6 Paul Goddard (QPR to West Ham) — August 11, 1980 — £1,000,000
- 7 Clive Allen (Arsenal to Crystal Palace) — August 13, 1980 — £1,200,000
- 8 Kenny Sansom (Crystal Palace to Arsenal) — August 13, 1980 — £1,200,000
- 9 Garry Birtles (Nottingham Forest to Manchester United) — October 20, 1980 — £1,250,000

MILLION

on a player's earnings, the status of the club he's coming from or moving to, and the player's experience at club and international level.

"If we introduce a similar scale to that which operates in Germany, where it is rare to pay more than £200,000 for a top player, then perhaps clubs in England will be able to spend more on improved facilities at their ground without being strangled by an enormous fee for one player.

"And if things go wrong on the field they could still buy a player or two without too much difficulty."

Sensible thinking, but still the market is thriving as clubs continue to pay the price for the big names.

Here's a fascinating run down on the main moves since July . . .

How long can this go on?

3 PAGE TRANSFER SPECIAL



Gerry Armstrong . . . Northern Ireland international, now enjoying good form with Watford following his move from Spurs.

7 Mick Butler	Bournemouth	Buy	100,000	7 Fran Kemm	Sheff Wed	Newcastle Utd	100,000
8 Mick Kennedy	Millers Town	100,000	14 Alan Taylor	Vancouver Whitecaps	Cambridge U.	100,000	
9 Peter Hampton	Leeds United	175,000	15 David McKeown	Derby County	Sheff Wed	50,000	
10 Zvezdan Nedeljkovic	Yugoslavia	100,000	16 Ray McDonough	Wolves	Carlisle	35,000	
11 Paul Goddard	Barnsley P.R.	100,000	17 Kevin Brown	Kilm	Colchester U.	40,000	
12 Ronnie Moore	Cardiff City	100,000	18 Peter Ward	Brighton H.A.	Wellingham U.	100,000	
13 John Sweeney	Millwall	100,000	19 Barry Butler	Nottingham	Manchester U.	1,200,000	
14 Tony Towner	Millwall	100,000	20 Tommy Docherty	Coventry City	Manchester C.	47,000	
15 Billy Hughes	Derby	30,000	21 Bobby McDonald	Coventry City	Manchester C.	770,000	
16 Clive Allen	Arsenal	1,200,000					
17 Paul Brown	Arsenal	900,000					
18 Ken Sansom	Crystal Palace	1,200,000					
19 Gordon Hodgson	Sheff Wed	10,000	22 Garry Birtles	Derby County	Manchester City	775,000	
20 George Wood	Derby	100,000	23 John Barclay	Welling	Millwall	6,000	
21 Bob Lin	Cardiff City	10,000	24 Andy Nichol	Manchester U.	Brighton H.A.	100,000	
22 Tommy Langley	Colchester U.	20,000	25 Steve Neville	Exeter City	Sheff Wed	30,000	
23 Ian Wright	Wolves	100,000	26 Mark Kendall	Tottenham H.	Sheff Wed	40,000	
24 Steve Bennett	Colchester U.	75,000	27 Ante Mirosevic	Yugoslavia	Sheff Wed	200,000	
25 Dennis Maricle	Derby	100,000	28 Russell Knight	Sheff Wed	Carlisle	30,000	
26 Garry Birtles	Derby County	1,250,000	29 Peter Johnson	Sheff Wed	Newcastle Utd	10,000	
27 Bob McDonald	Derby	10,000	30 Gary Smeaton	Sheff Wed	Barnsley	20,000	
28 Phil Lythgoe	Derby	10,000					
29 Peter Kitchin	Derby	10,000					
30 Mike Carrigan	Derby	10,000					
31 Peter Sayer	Derby	10,000					
32 John Brown	Derby	10,000					
33 Stephen Williams	Derby	10,000					
34 Paul Maguire	Derby	10,000					
35 Brian Kelly	Derby	10,000					
36 Andy King	Derby	10,000					
37 Eric Smeaton	Derby	10,000					
38 Eric Potts	Derby	10,000					
39 Andy Hurrell	Derby	10,000					
40 David Huddell	Derby	10,000					
41 John Lyons	Derby	10,000					
42 Tommy Graham	Derby	10,000					
43 Joe Johns	Derby	10,000					
44 Ian Moore	Derby	10,000					

January

I REMEMBER putting up a message on our electronic scoreboard asking the contractors on our new stand when we were likely to get a roof on it.

We are still working hard to pay off the debt, but it pleases me that 6,000 people are now able to sit and enjoy their football in good facilities.

February

A BIT of a dull month . . . won the Super Cup, beating Barcelona, defeated Liverpool in the semi-final of the League Cup - I was more elated that night at Anfield than during any other moment in my time at Forest - and turned down an offer to manage Greek club Olympiakos.

March

HAVING got to our third successive League Cup final, we then made a mess of it against Wolves. If the kids are naughty I make them watch a video film of the final with Peter Shilton and David Needham colliding and Andy Gray running the ball into an empty net!

Thankfully, we go immediately to East Germany and beat Dynamo Berlin with two goals out of nothing by Trevor Francis.



Shaw - my player of the year

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Gary Shaw, of Aston Villa. I used to call him "Villa" during my short but successful reign as England youth team manager and I'm delighted he's scoring goals so regularly.

BARGAIN OF THE YEAR — Bob Paisley . . . that's what he's been for a few years. Marks and Spencers haven't got a bigger bargain.

CLANGER OF THE YEAR — I still hold that from the previous year, when I sold Archie Gemmill to Birmingham.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE YEAR — Being knocked out of the European Cup by C.S.K.A. Sofia.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR — Beating Liverpool to reach our third successive League Cup final.

VILLAIN OF THE YEAR — 91 League chairmen because I don't want to mention Hill Wood

BORE OF THE YEAR — Mrs Thatcher because she keeps telling us we have to take our medicine.

HERO OF THE YEAR — Mr Thatcher.

Gary Shaw . . . I'm delighted he's scoring goals.



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May

A NORMAL month in the life of B.C. We had a small matter of a European Cup final in Madrid but before we got there Stan Bowles walked out. Trevor Francis was injured, too, but we didn't make excuses and went out to Madrid and beat Hamburg (Kevin Keegan and all).

It was a great feeling to get our hands on that Cup again and set off back to our hotel in the Spanish hills. We felt better than we did when we won it the first time.

April

ALTHOUGH we were delighted to reach the European Cup final again, I was very disappointed losing to Ajax in Amsterdam in the semi-final second leg.

But what I remember most of the month is taking the team to the Persian Gulf to play a couple of games. I enjoyed it but I've never been on a trip where there were so many grumbles from players.



June

MOST managers were off on holiday, but there were still things to do — like signing Raimondo Ponte from Grasshoppers, of Zurich.

We were short in midfield and Ponte was available at the right price.

After the European Cup final, I had to consider an offer from Barcelona, but they should have come for Peter Taylor and I the minute we had beaten them in the Super Cup.

July

STILL no holiday . . . but Ian Wallace joins us from Coventry.

With Trevor Francis out for the rest of the year, we had to get someone and Ian fitted the bill and he has proved one of the most genuine players at the club.

We also fancied signing Liam Brady from Arsenal but his heart was set on going abroad and we never really had a chance of persuading him to stay in England.



Oh no, not that again! Dave Needham and Peter Shilton collide and that man Gray runs in Wolves' League Cup winner . . . to me, it's like a horror film!

FOREST BOSS BRIAN CLOUGH RECALLS AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

Life of Brian...

August

THE BIG kick-off . . . or was it the big bust-up. Garry Birtles and I fell out initially over him wanting an extra holiday and then comments I made about him in Match Weekly.

What I did wrong — and it was my wife Barbara who pointed it out — was that I made the contents of a private conversation in my office public by reproducing it in this magazine.

It was just as wrong as some of the things that were written about us in a national newspaper for the following eight weeks.

October

GOT OFF to a cracking start when we lost at home to C.S.K.A. to get out of Europe . . . and went from bad to worse.

We next lost at home against Manchester United and the month finished on a high note for Elton John when we came a cropper at Watford in the League Cup.

I was in Majorca at the time but the minute I heard we'd lost 4-1, the holiday turned into a nightmare . . . at least we made a few bob United.

November

A POINT at Liverpool is always nice but to follow it with three defeats was particularly disturbing. And to lose by 0-3 to Tottenham on our own pitch was an absolute disaster.

But there was the odd plus — like being cleared by the F.A. of bringing the game in dispute.

September

WE LOST in Sofia to C.S.K.A. and that was the start of one or two problems but just after that we played exceptionally well to beat Leicester 5-0 and then put seven past Bury . . . and I don't want anybody saying "They were just a Fourth Division side."

But we couldn't manage a goal in the next match against Arsenal and a 1-0 defeat paved the way for the "Black October"



Left: Liam Brady . . . we fancied signing him in July

Right: Raimondo Ponte . . . a good buy during a difficult period

December

GETTING Trevor Francis back in action was tremendous for me, the club and, most of all, him.

Naturally we missed him but we tried to get on with the job to the best of our ability while he was finding his way back to fitness.

Perhaps his return is just the kind of spark we need to enter 1981 with hopes of further success.

Merry Christmas to all of you and a Happy New Year . . .

**WIN A
GIANT
ENGLAND
POSTER**

WHY NOT put all those felt tip pens, crayons and paints you'll have for Christmas into immediate action — and you could win yourself a super England colour team poster.

We're giving away 18 giant posters — to the six most original colourings of the drawing below in each of three classes.

Class 1: Nine years and under.

Class 2: 10-13 years.

Class 3: 14 years and over.

When you have completed your masterpiece, cut it out and send it, preferably in a stiff backed envelope or with stiffening inside to Match Weekly (Painting), Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB, to reach us by first post January 2.

And don't forget to include your

TOUCHLINES

WE'RE giving you a monogram of the initials of MANCHESTER CITY which also just happen to be the initials of MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Starting at the dot can you trace over the design — without lifting your pen from the paper and without going over any line twice?



PAINT A PRIZE

name, address and age with your entry. Unfortunately we cannot return your entry unless you enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

POP



*Your
Christmas
Quiz Page*



THE QUESTION

With Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence. Six autographed records must be won.

THOUGH many fans are forever comparing the skills of Liverpool's Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest, off the field England's two goalkeepers are the best of pals.

So much so, that they have made a record together on Polygram which could soon be rising up the Pop charts.

Peter and Ray have autographed six copies of the disc — Side by Side — and sent them to Match Weekly for a special Christmas competition prize.

One of them could be yours if you can correctly answer these three questions the England men have set.

1. Shilton took over at Leicester City from an England goalkeeper. Was it?

- a) Ron Springett
- b) Gordon Banks

2. Clemence was born in a famous seaside resort. Was it?

- a) Llandudno
- b) Worthing
- c) Skegness

3. On the final week of England's European tour on June 13, 1979, Clemence replaced Shilton at half-time. Was it against?

- a) Austria
- b) Bulgaria
- c) Sweden

Send your answers on a postcard or the back of an envelope to: Match Weekly (Record), Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB and remember to include your name and address. First six correct entries picked from the total postbag on January 2 will receive a copy of the record personally autographed by the two England stars.



Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence record their disc

Complete the table

HERE is an incomplete league table for the 1977-78 English First Division. Can you fill in the gaps, given that there are two points for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss? Answer on Page 31.

FIRST DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Nottm Forest	42	25			69	24	64
2 Liverpool	42	24	9		65	34	
3 Everton	42	22	11		76	45	
4 Man City	42	20		10	74	51	52
5 Arsenal	42	21	10		60	37	
6 WBA	42	18			62	53	50
7 Sheff Wed	42	18	12	12	75	62	
8 Aston Villa	42	18	10		57	42	
9 Leeds	42	18		14	63	53	46
10 Man United	42		10	16	67	63	42
11 Birmingham	42	16			55	60	41
12 Derby	42	14	13		54	59	
13 Norwich	42		18	13	52	66	40
14 Sheff Wed	42	12	12	15	42	58	
15 Wolves	42	12			51	64	36
16 Chelsea	42		14	17	46	69	36
17 Bristol City	42	11	13		49	53	
18 Ipswich	42	11			47	81	35
19 QPR	42		15	18	47	64	33
20 West Ham	42	10	8		52	69	
21 Newcastle	42	8		26	42	78	22
22 Sheff Wed	42	5			26	70	22

MATCH QUIZ

John Bailey (right) ... see question six.

- Which team did Liverpool defeat 11-1 on aggregate in the First Round of this season's U.E.F.A. Cup?
- Who scored a hat-trick in Nottingham Forest's 7-0 win against Bury in the Third Round of this season's Football League Cup?
- On 18/10/80 John Trollope set a new record by playing his 765th Football League game. Whose record did he break?
- Which N.A.S.L. team has Johnny Giles recently joined as coach?
- Who scored the England "B" team's goal in their recent 1-0 win against U.S.A.?
- From which club did Everton sign John Bailey?
- Identify the following teams from their nicknames: a) The Rams b) The Posh c) The Terrors.
- Which former captain of Scotland has recently joined Torquay?
- Which team knocked Celtic out of this season's European Cup Winners Cup?

- Two uncapped players were in England's squad for the World Cup game in Rumania, can you name them?

ANSWERS
1. Oulun, 2. Malmoe, 3. Jimmy Dickinson, 4. Vancouver Whitecaps, 5. Derek Statham, 6. Blackburn Rovers, 7. a) Derby County, b) Peterborough United, c) Dundee United, 8. Bruce Riech, 9. Timmo, 10. Justin Fashanu and Gordon Cowans.

Matchmaker Souvenir Special

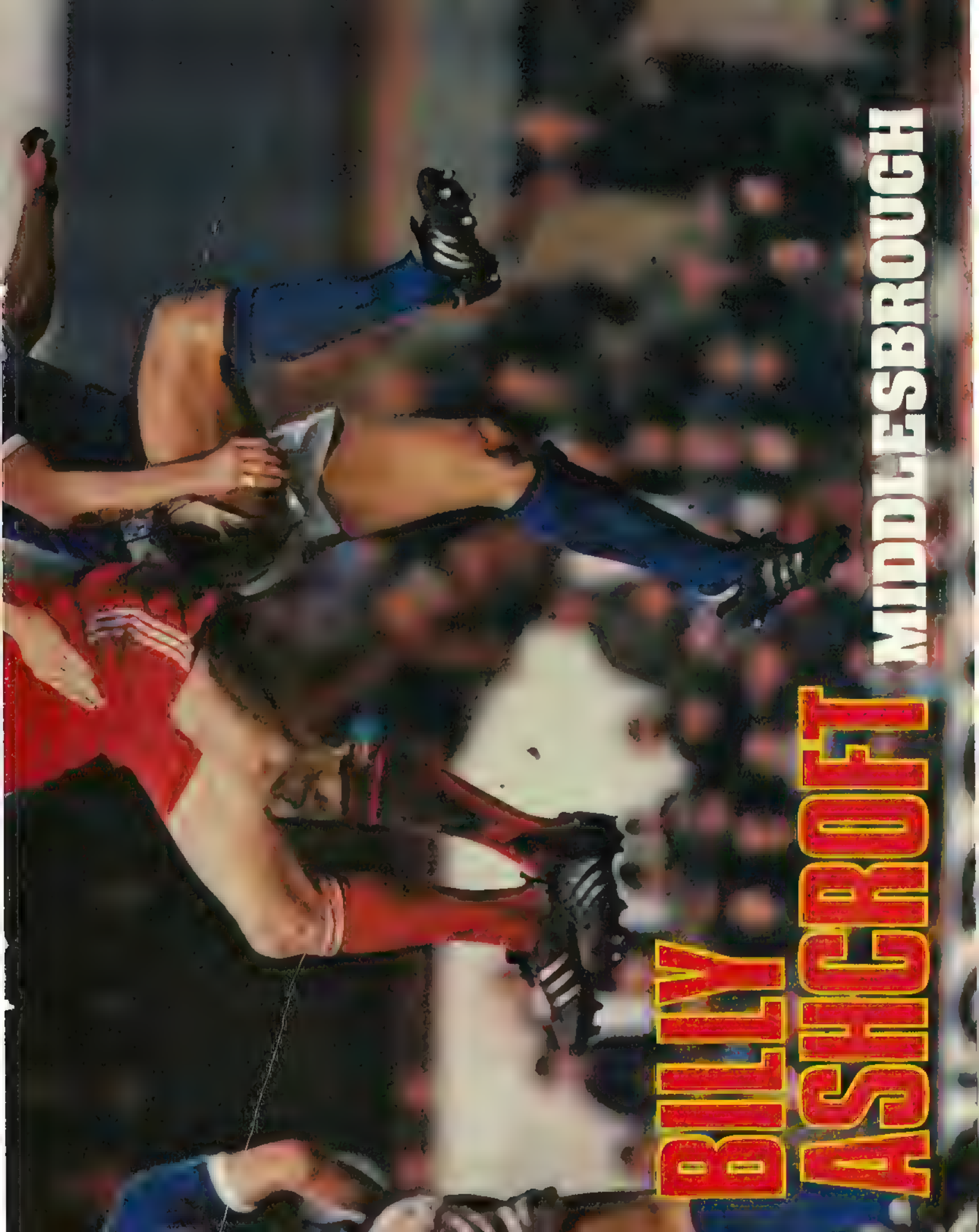
FULL NAME William Ashcroft
BIRTHPLACE/DATE Liverpool, October 1, 1952.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT 6ft 1in, 13st 11lb.
MARRIED Yes, to Pamela.
CHILDREN Nicki (7), Amy (9 months).
CAR Talbot Solara
PREVIOUS CLUB Wrexham
NICKNAME 'Large'
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken jaw and cheekbone
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:
 Kenny Dalglish sheer brilliance
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM Liverpool
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY Daniel
 Pasarella (Argentina) makes the game look so easy
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM Banks, McGraun, Moore,
 McNeil, Wilson, Ball, Charlton, McDermott, Brady,
 Best, Dalglish
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI Banks (England), Carlos
 Alberto (Brazil), Krol (Holland), Beckenbauer (WG),
 Wilson (England), Cruyff (Holland), Di Stefano (Spain),
 Maradona (Argentina), Gento (Spain), Pele (Brazil), Best
 (N Ireland)
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND Anfield
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE
 PLAYED** Anderlecht (Belgium)
BEST GOAL SCORED v Crystal Palace, a left-footer
 from 30 yards
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED Terry McDermott v Spurs
 first game last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT Joe Jordan
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH For Wrexham v
 Anderlecht in the European Cup Winners Cup
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL Playing in the
 First Division
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT Not winning a major
 trophy, yet!
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS Golf, snooker, watching
 athletics
LIKES Playing guitar, sunbathing, good company
DISLIKES Gardening, decorating

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawley Towers and Mork and
 Mindy
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and
 Coronation Street
FAVOURITE READING: Harold Robins
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Bryan Ferry, Police,
 Stephen Bishop.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Beef Stroganoff
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Diane
 Keaton
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Life of Brian.
BEST FRIEND: Bob Scott (Crewe Alexandra)
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Neal
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: The over-
 the top foul
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cheese on toast
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To make a secure future for my
 family
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major trophy with
 Middlesbrough
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Craig Johnston
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The person
 who stole my first car!
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen and learn from
 people with experience in the game

William Ashcroft

● Below: Ashcroft (left) in action
 against Everton's Billy Wright





**BILLY
ASHCROFT**

MIDDLESBROUGH

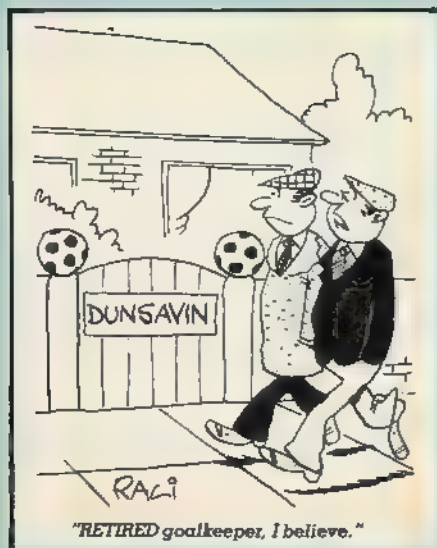
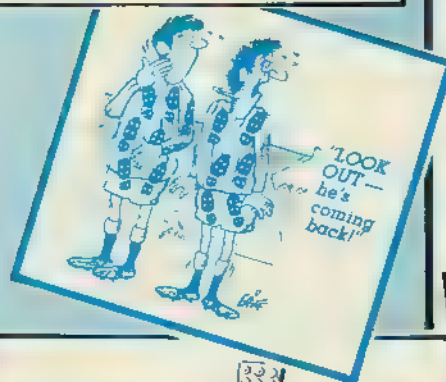
IT'S FUN TIME



R. McPHERSON, Dundee: Scots fan to plump veteran in testimonial making a forward break: "For Pete's sake, Jimmy, breath in or you'll be offside!"



RACHAEL WARD, Bournville: "Did you hear about the Birmingham who nailed his season ticket to a tree and returned to discover the nail had been stolen?"



We pay £2 for every joke published — but keep them original!

No player's worth a million

THE ENTERTAINMENT world is in difficult times . . . whether it be football, cinema, theatre or whatever . . . but my own opinion is that the game is not in need of any drastic changes.

I don't believe the state of football is as bad as some people say

Various recommendations for change have been put forward, however . . . Perhaps a points system that encourages the away side to go for a win is a good idea.

To that end awarding three points for a win may not be a bad thing.

I'm not so sure about clubs being given the chance to play their games on a Sunday.

It might sound nice to some people but I prefer things as they are now with all the games played on a set day

Sunday football might be useful, however, to cope with postponements.

As for shortening the season I just don't know how it would work looking at all the fixtures.

For me the suggestion that: 'transfer fees should be paid off in a year with at least a 50 per cent deposit being paid' was the most sensible thing to come out of the League chairmen's meeting.

I think it's something that has to come. It's ridiculous that club's are still paying money off when the player concerned has moved on.

It's the only way to get transfer fees down.

Personally I think it's ridiculous that a player can be considered to be worth £500,000 . . . let alone £1 million

Trevor Francis (below) became the first £1 million player when Nottingham Forest signed him from Birmingham, but I think it's ridiculous that any player is considered to be worth half that much.



GLENN HODDLE

I'll be training on Christmas Day!

MY CHRISTMAS celebrations will not start until we have played our two holiday games.

Even on Christmas Day when most of you will be sitting in front of the television after your lunch I will be on my way to the club for a training session.

Because we have a match on Boxing Day the players will report for a training session on Christmas Day.

I don't really have time to enjoy the festive season because it is our busiest time of the year — but I'm not complaining.

I accept it as part of the job; although it is tough on the players' wives and families.

It will be a very happy Christmas for me if Tottenham come away from our tough two day stint with four points.

We are at home to Southampton on Boxing Day, and straight after the game we will get into the team bus and head for Norwich, who we play the next day.

I don't like the idea of playing two games in such a short space of time. Players don't get enough time to recover from any knocks they may have picked up.

A game takes a lot out of you — I know how I feel on a Sunday morning — and to play two games in two days is asking a lot of a player.

But there is always a special cheery atmosphere among the crowd at these fixtures which

Day!

THEN THE
SAINTS
COME
MARCHING IN

helps lift the players.

Just let me wish all Match readers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . . . you'll hear from me again in 1981!

Glenn Hoddle

Right: Justin Fashanu — scored one of the goals in our 4-0 defeat at Carrow Road last season and he's one to watch again this time around. That's Jim Cannon of Palace in pursuit.

SPURS
AND
ENGLAND
STAR



OUTRAGED!

I'M Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the Outraged column. I'll stand no nonsense... any back chat and you could get sent off!

I'll be giving the red card to what I judge to be the letter of the week. And yellow cards to any others published.

And to make it more interesting I'll pay £5 for the red card and £2 for each yellow card.

But be warned, I'm the ref and my decisions stand!

Send your letters to Outraged, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.



Don't write off Palace

I AM OUTRAGED at the number of people who are writing off Crystal Palace and saying that they will be relegated at the end of the season.

There's still a long way to go yet — who knows what may happen. Liverpool could have a bad patch and finish near the bottom, while Palace could end up near the top. Rolf Vaughan (13), South Ashford, Kent.

THERE'S about as much chance of Liverpool hitting a bad patch as Palace have of avoiding the drop. Appointing the man who took them down to Division Three looks like a panic move to me. You're booked.

You're in the book! £2

Pick Lukic now, Ron!

I'M OUTRAGED that John Lukic of Leeds United is not the full England team goalkeeper.

I believe that Liverpool's Ray Clemence is over the top, Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest is over-rated, and Manchester City's Joe Corrigan has never been international class.

The other young England goalkeeper Gary Bailey will never make the grade so I think Ron should put John straight into the side now.

Richard Pannell (12), Uxbridge, Middlessex.

IT'S AN early bath for you! John has a bright future ahead of him but Ray and Peter will be England's custodians for a few years yet.

You're in the book! £2

Why I won't watch Forest

I LIVE in Nottinghamshire and my local First Division club is Forest but I wouldn't support them for all the tea in china!

I've got nothing against the players, or the fans. There's just one problem — Brian Clough! Catherine Derrick (15), Retford, Notts.

WHAT a pathetic excuse for not going along to watch Forest. Surely, you go through the turnstiles to watch the players, not manager.

City's title by 1983

WHAT DO you think of my prediction that Manchester City will in the First Division title in the next three years?

No I'm not a raving City lunatic. I just think John Bond is on the right lines.

Liverpool went to Maine Road earlier in the season and won 3-0, but they would have a tougher job now. I am a Liverpool fan, but rate City highly.

Santosh Ghosh (14), Bradford, Yorks.

YOU ARE a lunatic! In the book you go.

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I'M SICK of the critics who praise a team one week and then slam them the next.

One blatant example of this came after the recent Spurs v West Bromwich Albion game at White Hart Lane.

Reporters had been labelling Spurs as a very good entertaining team and telling us that they were on the right lines — but after one poor display against Albion they were blasted.

I found one reporter, who a week earlier had praised the team, saying that it was not the stand that wanted rebuilding but the team.

I admit they were poor on that day and deserved to lose but one bad performance is no excuse for this kind of behaviour by some members of the press.

B. Cole (14), Enfield, Middlesex.

Mariner has everything

'PLAYING' as a striker in the World's toughest league requires very special qualities — and Ipswich's Paul Mariner has them all!

He shows strength and bravery when he goes up for 50-50 balls against big defenders like Southampton and England's Dave Watson, and skill on the ground.

His should be the first name that England manager Ron Greenwood pencils into his side.

Stephen Black (13), Harlow, Essex.

Right: England striker Paul Mariner gets praise from Stephen Black of Harlow, Essex.



TERRACE TALK ★

TODD FOR ENGLAND

I AM sad to see England manager Ron Greenwood continually leaving Birmingham City's Colin Todd out of the side.

Many people thought he had taken a backward step when he moved from Everton to Second Division Birmingham last season — but he has proved them wrong.

'Toddy' knew what he was doing and his immaculate performances with skipper Joe Gallagher at the heart of the 'Blues' defence pushed them back into the First Division.

And he has proved that he can still cope with the pressure of life at the top. Surely he's worth another chance in the England team.

Carl Foster, Newtown, Birmingham.

Left: Colin Todd of Birmingham is still good enough to play for England, says Carl Foster of Birmingham.



★★★★★★★★★★

White hot lane!

I'M ANGRY with people who complain that there's not enough entertainment in the game.

If they want to be thrilled they ought to come down to White Hart Lane where they will get good entertainment and plenty of goals.

Julian Langenhan (14), Romford, Essex.

★★★★★★★★★★

TOP THREE GUNNERS

WHY DO people always knock Arsenal?

People have accused them of being boring, but they are no more negative than many other teams away from home and have contributed to some exciting matches this season. Who else has won 5-0 away from home this season?

As for being inconsistent; fourth place in the First Division isn't the form of a poor team.

Arsenal will finish in the top three this season.

Stephen Follis (16), Dorchester, Dorset.

Salute Everton

EVERTON have not had enough praise for their achievements this season.

Last term they looked a really poor side, but they have pulled themselves together and are challenging for the First Division Championship.

All you hear about on Merseyside is Liverpool. I know they are the current League champions, but it is great to see the 'Toffees' back in contention.

Rose Burke (14), Kirkdale, Liverpool.

FLASHBACK

Where was your favourite team on ...

DEC 27
1968

ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	26	12	2	0	28	7	5	3	4	17	8	39
Leeds	24	10	3	0	26	6	5	4	2	14	14	37
Sheff Wed	24	8	4	1	21	6	6	3	2	11	7	35
Everton	25	10	1	1	30	5	4	6	3	23	18	35
Chelsea	25	5	6	1	21	12	6	2	5	25	16	30
West Ham	25	7	4	1	33	12	2	6	5	13	19	28
Sheff Wed	24	6	3	2	21	13	3	6	4	11	13	27
WBA	25	7	4	1	24	12	3	2	8	15	31	26
Burnley	25	7	3	2	19	12	3	2	8	13	38	25
Spurs	23	5	4	2	26	14	3	4	5	13	19	24
Sheff Wed	26	6	4	3	22	18	2	4	7	11	20	24
Sunderland	25	8	3	2	21	11	0	5	7	8	30	24
Sheff Wed	25	5	5	2	19	14	2	4	7	15	22	23
Man City	25	6	5	2	33	16	1	3	8	10	20	22
Sheff Wed	24	5	4	3	17	15	2	4	6	9	14	22
Sheff Wed	24	6	4	2	14	10	1	4	7	12	23	22
Sheff Wed	25	7	3	3	13	11	0	4	8	11	22	21
Ipswich	25	4	2	7	22	24	3	3	6	14	18	19
Sheff Wed	23	1	5	4	9	14	2	5	6	21	25	16
Leicester C	24	4	4	4	17	18	0	3	9	5	30	15
Coventry	24	2	3	7	12	17	2	3	7	10	23	14
Sheff Wed	24	3	5	5	15	24	0	1	10	10	33	12

DIVISION II	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby	24	9	4	0	23	12	3	5	3	7	9	33
M'boro	24	8	3	0	20	4	5	1	7	18	23	30
Cardiff	25	7	2	3	19	12	6	2	5	24	22	30
Millwall	25	6	3	4	19	15	5	2	4	20	14	29
C Palace	24	8	2	2	27	15	4	3	5	15	17	29
Charlton	25	6	5	1	22	15	4	4	5	12	17	29
Hull	25	6	5	2	22	12	3	5	4	15	17	28
Blackburn	25	7	3	3	18	11	4	3	5	13	15	28
Huddersfield	25	8	2	2	22	11	2	5	6	10	19	27
Blackpool	25	5	6	2	27	10	3	4	5	8	10	28
Carlisle	25	5	4	3	15	12	4	4	5	14	18	26
Bolton	25	5	3	5	20	7	3	5	4	16	14	24
Sheff U	24	8	2	3	20	9	1	4	6	11	19	24
Norwich	25	3	3	6	12	15	6	3	4	20	16	24
Preston	25	4	6	2	13	12	3	4	6	9	15	24
Portsmouth	24	6	2	4	20	12	1	7	4	12	17	23
Birmingham	25	8	0	4	32	17	2	2	9	13	28	22
Bury	24	4	2	5	19	21	2	4	7	13	29	18
Bristol C	24	4	5	3	11	11	0	5	7	7	19	18
A Villa	25	5	6	2	12	7	0	2	10	10	31	18
Oxford	24	2	5	5	9	15	3	1	8	9	18	16
Fulham	25	4	5	4	15	21	8	3	9	10	34	16

DIVISION III	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	22	6	3	2	13	4	6	3	2	17	9	30	
Swindon	21	8	1	0	17	2	5	2	5	15	14	29	
Barnsley	22	11	0	1	24	3	2	3	5	13	17	29	
Stockport	22	9	2	1	35	16	2	5	3	7	12	29	
Tramora	23	8	1	4	19	13	4	2	4	15	17	27	
Sheff Wed	22	7	4	1	21	13	4	0	6	15	20	25	
Luton	21	10	1	0	30	7	1	2	7	4	13	25	
Reading	23	8	0	3	22	8	1	6	5	14	20	24	
Torquay	23	8	1	2	21	7	2	3	7	9	17	24	
Nampton	22	5	4	3	19	17	3	3	4	9	19	23	
Sheff Wed	23	8	2	1	28	12	2	1	9	13	26	23	
Plymouth	23	7	3	3	19	13	2	2	6	5	13	23	
Sheff Wed	22	6	3	1	15	8	1	5	6	9	17	22	
Barnsley	24	6	4	2	19	11	1	4	7	8	24	22	
Walsall	24	5	5	1	19	7	1	4	8	8	19	21	
Walsall	23	7	2	2	19	8	1	3	8	12	22	21	
Sheff Wed	23	7	2	2	22	14	1	3	8	14	26	21	
Sheff Wed	22	5	5	1	14	8	1	3	7	12	25	20	
Brighton	24	5	3	3	22	12	2	2	9	10	28	19	
Sheff Wed	22	6	1	4	20	13	1	4	6	9	22	19	
Hartlepool	23	3	1	2	13	15	7	2	7	6	22	19	
Gillingham	23	5	4	2	22	11	2	0	9	28	18		
Sheff Wed	23	5	4	2	10	7	1	1	10	8	25	17	
Sheff Wed	22	3	2	6	11	15	1	1	9	5	29	11	

DIVISION IV	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altrincham	23	7	2	3	20	11	6	3	2	20	14	31
Oxford	21	5	4	2	16	8	4	6	0	12	5	28
Lincoln	24	8	1	3	21	8	3	5	4	8	17	28
Doncaster	23	7	3	2	21	13	4	2	5	12	17	27
Sheff Wed	23	8	2	2	27	11	2	4	5	17	21	26
Sheff Wed	21	8	1	2	21	11	3	3	4	9	17	26
Southend	23	8	1	2	12	9	2	5	5	13	21	26
Colchester	22	7	2	2	16	9	4	2	5	16	20	26
Workington	22	4	6	2	15	9	4	3	3	6	7	25
Brentford	23	5	4	2	21	12	3	5	4	14	16	25
Swansea	23	4	5	2	13	12	5	2	5	12	14	25
Bradford	22	6	4	1	20	8	1	5	5	9	20	23
Wrexham	22	7	1	2	18	7	1	5	6	7	12	22
Sheff Wed	23	3	5	2	17	6	2	7	4	10	15	22
P Vale	23	6	4	2	17	10	1	3	7	6	16	21
Peterborough	22	6	4	1	22	11	0	4	7	9	17	20
Newport	22	4	5	2	15	10	2	3	6	11	15	20
Sheff Wed	22	5	3	3	14	11	3	1	7	18	22	20
Grimsby	24	4	4	5	17	14	1	5	5	8	16	19
Notts Co	23	4	3	4	14	16	2	4	6	11	19	19
Sheff Wed	24	3	4	5	12	13	3	3	6	10	18	19
York	22	4	6	1	15	12	1	3	7	5	25	19
Exeter	25	3	6	3	19	14	2	2	9	12	27	18
Bradford	24	3	5	4	12	12	0	0	12	7	41	11

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

SCOTTISH-DIV 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee U	16	6	1	1	19	8	5	3	0	20	4	26
Kilmarnock	16	8	0	0	20	8	3	2	3	10	11	24
Dunfermline	16	5	1	1	16	6	4	3	2	13	9	22
Rangers	16	7	1	0	27	11	3	1	4	7	12	22
S. M'urr	15	5	2	1	21	10	3	2	2	14	8	20
Hearts	16	5	3	0	22	5	2	3	3	9	17	20
Clyde	16	3	2	3	11	9	5	0	3	17	14	18
Sheff Wed	16	4	3	1	19	8	3	1	4	8	12	18
Morton	16	5	1	2	21	13	2	2	4	13	18	17
Airdrie	16	4	2	1	14	8	2	2	5	10	19	16
Dundee	16	4	3	2	14	11	1	2	4	7	13	15
Aberdeen	15	2	4	2	13	12	3	0	4	9	10	14
S. Jasta	16	4	1	4	13	13	1	1	5	9	17	12
Partick	16	3	2	3	17	13	1	1	6	8	18	11
Rathfriland	16	3	1	3	8	9	0	4	5	9	18	11
Falkirk	16	4	0	4	13	10	0	2	6	11	20	10
Arbroath	16	2	2	4	7	11	0	0	8	6	21	6
Arbroath	16	0	2	6	11	24	0	2	6	9	25	4

SCOTTISH—DIV 2	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	17	7	2	0	33	7	7	0	1	22	3	30	
Stirling	18	6	1	2	24	12	8	0	1	15	6	25	
Albion	18	6	2	0	18	9	6	2	2	21	19	28	
Forfar	16	6	2	1	24	9	5	8	2	17	11	24	
Ayr	17	6	1	2	31	13	4	2	2	12	8	23	
Q. of S.	18	6	1	2	22	7	3	3	3	12	5	22	
E. Stirling	18	6	1	3	34	14	4	1	3	15	13	22	
E. Fife	18	5	3	1	18	6	4	1	4	11	16	22	
Stranraer	17	4	0	3	8	6	3	4	3	17	16	18	
Q. of P.	18	4	1	4	13	16	3	2	4	13	15	17	
Berwick	19	4	3	2	11	7	1	2	7	11	26	15	
Hamilton	19	2	2	5	14	20	3	2	5	9	15	14	
Montrose	18	5	0	3	14	11	1	1	8	15	32	13	
Dumfries	19	4	1	4	14	15	1	2	7	8	22	13	
Cowden	18	2	3	5	14	19	2	1	5	6	17	12	
Brechin	17	5	0	5	18	18	0	1	6	4	17	11	
Clydebank	17	0	4	5	5	19	2	3	3	15	18	11	
Alloa	18	2	0	6	6	11	1	1	2	14	28	8	
Stenhouse	18	2	2	5	14	23	0	0	9	5	44	8	

THE
NEW
FACES

Steve McMahon

Everton's new Ball

EVERTON'S John Gidman is glad his father didn't follow up an interest in the young fair haired lad making a name for himself in the Liverpool Boys team.

For it would have robbed him of team mate Steve McMahon, who, in only his first season of League football, looks destined to follow in the footsteps of his idol, Alan [unclear].

Gidman was starring and his father scouting for Aston Villa when the Midlands club was first alerted to McMahon's talent. Mr Gidman snr called round to persuade Steve to go for trials at Villa Park.

The youngster was out and the scout never returned — leaving the way clear for Steve to sign apprentice forms for Everton, a club he had supported from an early age and a club who always seem blessed with top class midfield players.

Steve looks like carrying on that tradition despite a heart-breaking debut at Sunderland on the opening day of the season. He had to leave the field with damaged ankle ligaments and it looked like his chance of a first team run had gone.

The medical staff at Goodison worked overtime to get him fit for the home game with Leicester days later. He started and finished that game and has kept his place ever since.

That first game at Sunderland wasn't totally forgettable for 19-year-old Steve.

He explains: "The atmosphere was terrific. Mick Lyons told me to take it all in and remember it because there is no greater incentive after playing in the reserves before 200 people than the thought of performing before a full house in the first team.

"I am certain the atmosphere in the First Division makes the game flow faster. The crowd gets you going and you chase and fight that bit harder. But I find I can cope with the pace — I've always been able to run around a lot."

Steve was a striker as a schoolboy but since signing for Everton at the age of 16 he seems to have played everywhere else.

"I've played for the reserves at the back and in midfield but I think I am a midfield man for good now," said Steve.

"I like to be involved and it's great playing alongside someone like Asa Hartford. I didn't realise before that he is such a good player."

John Gidman in action against Ipswich's Eric Gates and Alan Brazil... his father spotted Steve's potential.

McMahon (right) celebrates Asa Hartford's winner against Sunderland at Goodison



Mick Lyons... sound advice for Steve.

Programme
Guide

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DONCASTER Rovers may not be one of the most fashionable clubs around but the fourth division side are adding some colour to their image.

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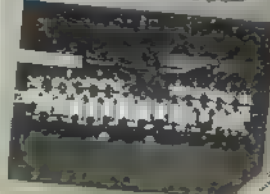
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GOLDEN GOAL

That's a cracker, Noel!

NOEL BROTHERSTON (N Ireland) v Wales, British Home International championship, Ninian Park, Cardiff, May 23, 1980.

BLACKBURN Rovers' fleet-footed winger Noel Brotherston will never score a more important goal than the cracker which won Northern Ireland their first outright championship for 66 years

Having beaten Scotland 1-0 in Belfast and surprisingly held England to a one-all draw at Wembley — where incidentally Brotherston had deflected a shot into his own goal — the Irish knew what they had to do. Only two points would be good enough.

Noel told Match: "Earlier in the game I'd missed a reasonably easy header and I thought the game and the championship might get away from us."

"But then Jimmy Nicholl played a ball down the line and Billy Hamilton did well to get past the full back. He cut inside and played it back to me. I went one way, then the other and sent a good left foot shot past Dai Davies."

"Everyone, especially the manager, was very emotional afterwards and to celebrate the championship we were invited to my home town in Belfast where a special gold medal was given to each member of the team because our victory came in the 100th year of the Irish FA's history."

Right: Noel Brotherston in action for the Irish during their 1-1 home International draw with England whose Alan Devonshire (right) was making his home debut for his country. Also giving chase are Gerry Armstrong and Chris Nicholl.



RAY KENNEDY

LIVERPOOL and
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Division One

Aston Villa	Stoke City
Covey City	Middlesbrough
Crystal Palace	Arsenal
Everton	Manchester City
Ipswich Town	Norwich City
Leeds United	Birmingham City
Leicester City	Brighton
Manchester United	Liverpool
Sunderland	West Bromwich
Tottenham Hotspur	Southampton
Wolverhampton	Nottingham Forest

Division Two

Blackburn Rovers	Preston North End
Bristol City	Cardiff City
Derby County	Oldham Athletic
Grimsby Town	Newcastle United
Luton Town	Chelsea
Notts County	Cambridge United
Orient	Watford
Queens Park Rangers	West Ham United
Sheffield Wednesday	Shrewsbury Town
Swansea City	Bristol Rovers
Wrexham	Bolton Wanderers

Division Three

Blackpool	Chester
Brentford	Colchester United
Carlisle United	Burnley
Chesterfield	Barnsley
Fulham	Sheffield United
Gillingham	Millwall
Hull City	Nottingham United
Newport County	Swindon Town
Oxford United	Charlton Athletic
Plymouth Argyle	Exeter City
Portsmouth	Reading
Walsall	Huddersfield Town

Division Four

AFC Bournemouth	Southend United
Aldershot	Hereford United
Bradford City	Doncaster Rovers
Bury	York City
Darlington	Hartlepool United
Leeds United	Scunthorpe United
Peterborough United	Northampton Town
Port Vale	Lincoln City
Reckdale	Halifax Town
Torquay United	Wimbledon
Tranmere Rovers	Stockport County
Wigan Athletic	Crook Alexandra

Sat Dec 27

Division One

Arsenal	Ipswich Town
Birmingham City	Sunderland
Brighton	Crystal Palace
Liverpool	Leeds United
Manchester City	Wolverhampton
Middlesbrough	Everton
Norwich City	Tottenham Hotspur
Nottingham Forest	Aston Villa
Southampton	Leicester City
Stoke City	Covey City
West Bromwich	Manchester United

Division Two

Bolton Wanderers	Blackburn Rovers
Bristol Rovers	Luton Town
Cambridge United	Sheffield Wednesday
Cardiff City	Swansea City
Chelsea	Derby County
Newcastle United	Grimsby Town
Oldham Athletic	Notts County
Preston North End	Notts County
Shrewsbury Town	Wrexham
Watford	Queens Park Rangers
West Ham United	Orient

Division Three

Barnsley	Walsall
Burnley	Blackpool
Charlton Athletic	Fulham
Chester	Chesterfield
Colchester United	Gillingham
Exeter City	Newport County
Huddersfield Town	Hull City
Millwall	Portsmouth
Reading	Oxford United
Rotherham	Carlisle United
Sheffield United	Brentford
Swindon Town	Plymouth Argyle

Division Four

Crook Alexandra	Peterborough United
Doncaster Rovers	Tranmere Rovers
Halifax Town	Darlington
Hartlepool United	Bradford City
Hereford United	Torquay United
Lincoln City	Mansfield Town
Northampton Town	Port Vale
Scunthorpe United	Bury
Southend United	Aldershot
Stockport County	Wigan Athletic
Wimbledon	AFC Bournemouth
York City	Rockdale

THE TOP STARS PREVIEW THE BIG CHRISTMAS CLASHES



KEVIN DILLON

Birmingham v Sunderland

DON'T be surprised if there are
some Geordie sounding cheers
for Birmingham when the Blues
entertain Sunderland on
Saturday (Dec 27).

For Birmingham midfield
starlet Kevin Dillon (in action
above) hails from Sunderland
and used to support them as a
kid. The fact that he was rejected
by the Roker Park club adds even
more spice to this Christmas
story.

"I've got nothing to prove to
Sunderland," Kevin told Match.
"I'll be more concerned about
how many of my friends from the

north east are up in the stands
watching.

"They'll be rooting for me
because I don't think there's
anybody in the Sunderland team
now who comes from there.

"My family will be at the game
and they'll be cheering for
Birmingham but my uncle will
probably wish for a draw — he's
a regular at Roker Park."

Kevin doesn't mind playing
when the rest of us are on
holiday enjoying ourselves —
"after all we get plenty of leisure
time the rest of the year," he
said.

Crackerjacks!

SAMMY McILROY

**Man Utd v
Liverpool**

THERE'S sure to be one less spectator at the Big Boxing day clash between Manchester United and Liverpool than there was for last year's epic encounter.

For Sammy McIlroy was forced to miss that game after being sent off at Nottingham Forest the week before and he had to endure a nail biting 90 minutes in the stands before his side eventually ran out 2-1 winners.

Sammy will be more active this time and not surprisingly he's hoping for a similar result. He said:

"Whenever you play Liverpool you always know it's going to be a hard game. But as this one is at Old Trafford we must have a slight edge."

There could be no harder preparation for the game than a night spent in an hotel.

"You accept it because football's your living," Sammy added. "But it would be nice to spend Christmas night with your family."

"One thing's for sure, the festive spirit won't be carried over on to the pitch. Everybody will be going in as hard as usual."

Sammy McIlroy... "there'll be no festive spirit on the field."



PAUL GODDARD

**QPR v
West Ham**

PAUL Goddard steps on to the Loftus Road pitch he knows so well for the Boxing Day clash he has looked forward to all season.

The cliché 'I only look ahead to the next game' has not been part of the West Ham striker's vocabulary this term.

"When I saw we were playing my old side QPR on Boxing Day it started the butterflies and I've been looking forward to it so much," Paul told Match.

"I hope to do well and obviously I want West Ham to win. But if it's a good fair tussle then I'll be happy."

"I remember the game last year was played to a full house and I expect Friday's to be the same. I'm also looking forward to a good reception from the Rangers' fans — they were always very good to me while I was there."

"It's no hardship playing at Christmas — after we get a long break in the summer. I think it's worse on your family and I'm hoping to be able to spend Christmas night with them."

Paul Goddard... "I've been looking forward to this."



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TACKLE A STAR

John Fowler,

Mansfield, asks: "What is the difference between football in Argentina and England, and how long will you stay in this country?"

THE MAJOR difference, John is in speed. The English game is

much faster and I find it difficult keeping up sometimes! It's tighter in Argentina as well. All the skilful players are marked heavily. I can't say how long I'll stay here, it depends on a number of things. At the moment I'm happy.

This Week

ALEX SABELLA LEEDS UNITED



Dennis Thwaite,

London, asks: "Who has been the biggest influence on your career?"

IT'S got to be my father Luis, who encouraged me to play as much football as I could from the age of three.

Joan Stirk,

Sheffield: "What do you think of the chances of Argentina and England in the 1982 World Cup?"

ARGENTINA must be the best team in the world at the moment but England has a very good chance of getting to the Final. With West Germany, these two teams are the world's top three. England have some very good players and were unlucky in the European Championships.

Kevin Stimson,

Leeds: "What was your reaction when new manager, Allan Clarke, dropped you and said results were more important than entertainment?"

OBVIOUSLY no one likes getting dropped, Kevin, but I understood what the manager was trying to say. I agree that results must come first. Football is a very professional business, and it's important to win because then you get more money.



Theresa Donovan,

Crawley, Sussex, asks: "What is the best goal you have ever scored?"

IT WAS when I was playing for River Plate against Bladens in the Argentinian League in 1977. I collected the ball in my own half, dribbled past five players, and slid the ball past the 'keeper as he came out.

Mike Lewin,

Carlisle, asks: "How do you relax away from football?"

IF I'M tired, Mike, I rest. If not I go shopping with my wife Viviana and baby daughter Vanessa. I don't enjoy it but my wife does! I also enjoy listening to Abba, the Carpenters and Barry Manilow.

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1. Nottm Forest	42	25	14	3	89	24	64
2. Liverpool	42	24	9	8	85	34	57
3. Everton	42	22	11	9	76	45	55
4. Middlesbrough	42	20	12	10	74	51	52
5. Arsenal	42	21	10	11	60	37	52
6. WBA	42	18	14	10	62	53	50
7. Coventry	42	18	12	12	75	62	48
8. Aston Villa	42	18	10	14	57	42	48
9. Leeds	42	18	10	14	63	53	48
10. Man United	42	16	10	16	67	83	42
11. Birmingham	42	16	9	17	56	60	41
12. Derby	42	14	13	15	54	59	41
13. Norwich	42	11	18	13	52	66	40
14. Middlesbrough	42	12	15	15	42	56	39
15. Wolves	42	12	12	18	51	84	38
16. Chelsea	42	11	14	17	46	89	36
17. Bristol City	42	11	13	18	49	53	35
18. Ipswich	42	11	13	18	47	81	35
19. QPR	42	9	15	18	47	84	33
20. West Ham	42	12	8	22	52	89	32
21. Newcastle	42	8	10	26	42	78	22
22. Leicester	42	5	12	25	26	70	22

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MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 111, Division Three (North), 1956-57.
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● Steve Moran fires past Peter Shilton to score Southampton's goal in their 2-1 defeat at Forest.

STEVE MORAN GOAL FILE

League App.	No./Date	Opponents	Goals
1	Jan 19, 1979	Man. City (sub)	1
2	Oct 18, 1980	Middlesbrough	0
3	Oct 21	Crystal Palace	2
4	Oct 25	Aston Villa	1
5	Nov 1	Nottm Forest	1
6	Nov 8	Ipswich	1
7	Nov 11	Arsenal	1

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